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7. ~~(S/NF)~~ THIS IR REPORTS TEXT OF A DOCUMENT PROVIDED BY G-2 ARGENTINE ARMY. IT HAS BACKGROUND INFO ON ADOLFO MARIA ((PEREZ-ESQUIVEL)), THE ARGENTINE WHO WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. THE INFO COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 1971 TO PRESENT, AND PURPORTS TO SHOW LINKS WITH WHAT THE ARGENTINES CONSIDER LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS WHICH TEND TO SUPPORT THE MONTONEROS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH TAKE PART IN THE "CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARGENTINA" FROM OUTSIDE. IT PRESENTS A WEAK CASE AT BEST, BUT SHOWS THAT THE ARMY HAD BEEN KEEPING CLOSE TABS ON PEREZ-ESQUIVEL.

8A. ~~(S/NF)~~ DETAILS: THEFOLLOWING IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ADOLFO MARIA PEREZ ESQUIVEL, NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER, AS PROVIDED BY G-2, ARGENTINE ARMY:
((PEREZ ESQUIVEL)), ADOLFO MARIA: ARGENTINE. BORN ON 26 NOV 1931 IN SAN TELMO (BUENOS AIRES). PROFESSOR OF FINE ARTS (SCULPTURE).
1971 - JOINS GANDHIAN (MAHATMA GANDHI) GROUPS WITH THOSE WHO CARRY ON AN URBAN COMMUNITY PROJECT WHICH CONSISTED OF ESTABLISHING WICKER, CARPENTRY AND IRONWORKS CRAFT SHOPS. THE PURPOSE WAS TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY MEANS OF CRAFT WORK (THE

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LIFESTYLE OF A SATYAGRAHA, A NON-VIOLENT MILITANT). AT THE SAME TIME, THE GROUP CARRIED OUT "INNER SPIRITUAL PREPARATION", BASED ON THE GOSPEL AND THE NON-VIOLENT TEACHINGS OF BAGHAVAGAD GITA, THE HOLY BOOK OF HINDUISM. IN THE GANDHIAN GROUP, ALONG WITH OTHER FRIENDS, HE CARRIES OUT SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS ON NON-VIOLENCE IN THE WORLD.

1972 - TAKES PART IN A PUBLIC FAST IN PROTEST OF EXISTING VIOLENCE IN ARGENTINA.

1973 - ESTABLISHES THE"PEACE AND JUSTICE" NEWSPAPER AND THE LATIN AMERICAN SERVICE FOR NON-VIOLENT ACTION. SAID NEWSPAPER IS LATER OFFICIALLY TAKEN OVER AS THE PRESS ORGAN OF THE PEACE AND JUSTICE SERVICE (SPJ). HE UNDERTOOK CAMPAIGNS IN ARGENTINA AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD AGAINST WEAPONS AND IN FAVOR OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT.

ARRESTED ON 3 AUG FOR INFRACTION OF THE POLICE EDICT OF DISORDERLINESS.

1974 - IN MEDELLIN (COLOMBIA), THE CONFERENCE ON NON-VIOLENT STRATEGY FOR LATIN AMERICAN LIBERATION WAS HELD. IT WAS THE SECOND MEETING OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WORK IN NON-VIOLENT METHODOLOGY.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO STUDY IN DEPTH THE SPECIFIC EXPERIENCES OF ALREADY EXISTING MOVEMENTS, TO ANALYZE THEIR DYNAMICS, AND TO CLARIFY THE WORK WHICH WAS BEING CARRIED OUT, AS WELL AS THEIR STANDARD. THIS MEETING CONSISTED OF PEASANTS, LABOURERS, INTELLECTUALS AND RELIGIOUS PERSONS FROM THE MOST DISTINCT BELIEFS. AT THIS EVENT, ESQUIVEL WAS NAMED THE GENERAL COORDINATOR FOR LATIN AMERICA OF THE PEACE AND JUSTICE SERVICE.

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THE FIRST STAGE INVOLVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR CONTACT AMONG ALL GROUPS AND MOVEMENTS, INFORMATION EXCHANGE, MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, ETC.

AT THE HEAD OF THE SERVICE, HE CARRIES OUT VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS WITH THE SUPPORT OF SOLIDARITY GROUPS FROM EUROPE AND THE US.

--IN ARGENTINA, HE ESTABLISHES AND DEVELOPS THE COORDINATOR OF CHRISTIAN ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS (CEOC) AND HE LENDS HIS SUPPORT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (MEDH) OF WHICH HE WOULD BECOME ONE OF ITS DIRECTORS.

1975 - HE INITIATES A SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN WITH THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES IN PARAGUAY AND WITH PRIESTS EXPELLED FROM THAT COUNTRY.

--HE TRAVELS TO BRAZIL IN ORDER TO PREPARE A LATIN AMERICAN MEETING OF BISHOPS CONCERNING EVANGELICAL NON-VIOLENCE. THERE HE IS ARRESTED BY THE II ARMY CORPS IN SAO PAULO, FREED DUE TO THE PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF CARDINAL PABLO EVARISTO ARMS, LEADER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTHERN CONE.

--FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (APDH) AND THE MEDH.

--HE UNDERTAKES AND DEVELOPS A CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN FAVOR OF THE STRICT FULFILLMENT OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

1976 - ARRESTED BY ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES, ALONG WITH 17 AMERICAN BISHOPS AND LAYMEN, SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH HE WAS PARTICIPATING IN A MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE DIOCESE OF RIO BAMBA UPON THE INVITATION OF MONSIGNOR LEONIDAS PROANO.

UPON BEING EXPELLED FROM ECUADOR, HE RETURNS TO BUENOS AIRES

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IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WITH THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

--AN EXTENSIVE TOUR CARRIES HIM TO AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, TRANSACTING BUSINESS AND MAKING VARIOUS CONTACTS.

--ON 31 MAY, HE ENTERS THE COUNTRY COMING FROM A EUROPEAN DESTINATION, BRINGING WITH HIM DOLLARS TO SUBSIDIZE THE SPJ.

--ON 29 JUNE, HE IS DESIGNATED GENERAL COORDINATOR OF THE SPJ FOR LATIN AMERICA. SAID POSITION IS CONSIDERED THE PRIME AUTHORITY IN SOUTH AMERICA. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO HAS CENTRAL OFFICES IN BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, ENGLAND, FRANCE, UNITED STATES, CANADA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA AND ARGENTINA. IT HOLDS A SEMINAR EACH YEAR IN A LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY.

--AMONG OTHERS, HE SIGNS A DECLARATION OF THE APDH, ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY, GENERAL ALFREDO STROESSNER, IN WHICH THE FREEDOM OF SEVERAL POLITICAL PRISONERS IS REQUESTED.

--AT THE ITAICHI-CAMPINHAS SEMINAR, IN THE STATE OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING OF PROGRESSIVE BISHOPS AND LAYMEN OF LATIN AMERICA WHICH CONCERNED ITSELF WITH EVANGELICAL NON-VIOLENCE--THE LIBERATION FORCE.

--THE MEETING WAS MAINLY ORGANIZED BY THE "SERVICE FOR LIBERATING ACTION IN LATIN AMERICA"--NON-VIOLENT ORIENTATION (SALAL), WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE IS THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBJECT. THIS PROGRESSIVE CATHOLIC MOVEMENT SEEKS TO FIGHT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE THROUGH NON-VIOLENT MEANS, ALMOST BASING ITSELF SOLELY ON THE DOCUMENTS OF THE II LATIN AMERICAN EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE HELD AT MEDILLIN (1968), THOSE DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE MISTAKENLY INTERPRETED OUT OF CONTEXT OF ALL SOCIAL

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DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH. IN SUCH A MANNER, SALAL IS INCLINED TOWARD COLLABORATING WITH ALL LEFTIST CHRISTIAN GROUPS AND WITH ALL MARXIST TENDENCIES OF THE SO-CALLED THEOLOGY OF LIBERATION.

--THROUGH THE SPJ AND THE SALAL, HE LED AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (1976/1978), IN COORDINATION WITH SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI), THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING MOVEMENT TO ASSIST DETAINEES (CIMAD), ETC., A CAMPAIGN WHICH ALSO RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF WORKERS (CLAT).

IN A LIKE MANNER, SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS FROM VARIOUS POINTS OF LATIN AMERICA TURNED TO THE AFOREMENTIONED SPJ, ELEMENTS WHO ARE CONNECTED WITH THE SOLIDARITY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

1977--DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, AS PRESIDENT, HE ATTENDS THE MEETING SPONSORED BY THE SPJ AT THE HOUSE OF NAZARETH, LOCATED AT CARLOS CALVO 3121, FEDERAL CAPITAL. SUBJECT REFERRED TO THE RESULTS OF THE TOUR WHICH HE WOULD UNDERTAKE BETWEEN THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND AUGUST THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA, NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

SAID TOUR HAS AS ITS PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE THAT OF PROVIDING A STIMULUS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PROPOSING A UNITED NATIONS SPONSORED PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FOR PUTTING A HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM INTO EFFECT.

--ON 4 APRIL, HE WAS ARRESTED FOR PUBLISHING SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL WHEN HE REPORTED TO PICK UP HIS PASSPORT, BEING SENT TO THE FEDERAL SECURITY SUPERINTENDENCY AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO (PRISON) UP NO. 9, LA PLATA, AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE PEN, BY DECREE NO. 929.

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--HE IS SELECTED, DURING HIS ABSENCE, TO BECOME A PART OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THW WORLD CONGRESS OF NON_VIOLENT ORGANIZATIONS, DURING THE CONGRESS OF NON-VIOLENT ALTERNATIVES HELD IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

--SINCE BEING PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE PEN, AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED TO SECURE HIS RELEASE, THE MAIN THRUST ORIGINATING IN FRANCE AND WIDELY CIRCULATED BY LE MONDE AND LE CROIX.

ORCHESTRATED BY INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP RECONCILIATION (AN INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER INDIVIDUALS OF DIFFERENT TENDENCIES IN ITS RANKS), THE CITED CAMPAIGN RELIED ON, AMONG OTHERS, THE SUPPORT OF:

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

APDH

INTERNATIONAL FRONT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (MEXICO)

INTERNATIONA MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC JURISTS (FRANCE)

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE AGAINST HUNGER AND FOR DEVELOPMENT

PROTESTANT FEDERATION OF FRANCE

CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ASSISTANCE MOVEMENTS FOR DISPLACED PERSONS AND EVACUEES

--THE PLAN USED BY THE CITED ORGANIZATIONS CONSISTED PRIMARILY IN SENDING LETTERS TO POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSONALITIES IN OUR COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATION AND TO PAPAL NUNCIO PIO LAGHI, DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF "THE APOSTLE OF NON-VIOLENCE."

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--ON 6 SEPTEMBER, HE INITIATED PROCEEDINGS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW 21.449/76. THE SAME YEAR HE IS LISTED AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER OF THE APDH.

1978 --ON 6 JAN, HIS REQUEST TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IS DENIED.

--DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, HIS NAME IS AMONG THOSE OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE OF 1978.

--HE WAS OFFICIALLY PROPOSED ON ~~11~~ DEC 77 BY BETTY WILLIAMS AND MAIREAD CORRIGAN, OF NORTHERN IRELAND, DURING THE TIME IN WHICH THEY RECEIVED SAID PRIZE FOR 1976 IN OSLO (NORWAY). IN THIS RESPECT, ONE OF THE THREE BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ASPIRING TO SAID PRIZE WAS MET.

--ON 15 MAY, THE SUBJECT'S MANNER OF DETENTION WAS MODIFIED, BEING RESOLVED THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE ARREST IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES.

--ON 27 MAY, HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE HONORARY PRESIDENCY OF THE ARGENTINE LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN (LADH), BEING DESIGNATED AT THE IX CONGRESS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ORGANIZATION.

--IN JUNE THE SUBJECT ADDRESSES HIMSELF TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MR KURT WALDHEIM, REQUESTING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO BE HELD THAT YEAR, COINCIDING WITH THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

--ON 3 AUGUST, HE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF HIS RIGHT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, FOR NORWAY, GRANTED TO HIM BY ARTICLE 23 OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION, DECREE NO. 1680.

1979--LISTED AS BEING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF APDH.

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--IN AUGUST, HE SENDS AN SPJ LETTER TO CECILIA MORETTI, IN PANAMA, IN WHICH THE RESIGNATION OF GENERAL ANASTACIO SOMOZA IS REQUESTED, THE SUSPENSION OF WAR (OF THE PEOPLE), AND THE REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THREATS OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE/INTERVENTION (TO ELECT THEIR OWN FORM OF GOVT). FOR THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA, THEY ALSO ASK FOR MONETARY ASSISTANCE, ANTIBIOTICS, AND FOOD, WHICH WOULD BE SENT BY THE CHURCH AND CONTROLLED BY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (THE PRIME MOVERS OF THE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE).

--ON 9 AUGUST, HE WAS RELEASED FROM ARREST, AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE PEN, BY DECREE NO. 1917.

--IN SEPTEMBER, HE CONGRATULATES HECTOR HERRERA FOR THE FOUNDING OF APDH IN PERU.

--IN DECEMBER, HE PUBLISHES AN ARTICLE IN THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD, ENTITLED "SOLIDARITY", IN WHICH HE MAKES REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED NEWSPAPER'S DIRECTOR, ROBERTO COX, BECAUSE OF THREATS RECEIVED IN OUR COUNTRY FROM UNKNOWN PERSONS.

--HE ORGANIZED THE VISIT TO ARGENTINA BY THE 1976 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNERS, MAIREAD CORRIGAN AND BETTY WILLIAMS, WHO EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR SUPPORT FOR HIS NOMINATION AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE OF THAT YEAR.

--THE BRITISH QUAKER ORGANIZATION, "THE FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL", 1947 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER, PROPOSED THE NOMINATION OF PEREZ ESQUIVEL FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

1980--IN JANUARY, HE IS LISTED AS THE GENERAL COORDINATOR FOR THE SOUTHERN CONE OF THE SPJ IN LATIN AMERICA. HE HAS CONNECTIONS WITH FATHER JORGE VERNAZZA, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE

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MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS FOR THE THIRD WORLD, A TENDENCY WHICH BEGAN DURING THAT TIME AS ONE OF THE IDEOLOGICAL SOURCES WHICH ENCOURAGED THE BDT MONTONEROS.

--IN MAY, HE ATTENDS THE ANNUAL CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, IN ZURICH.) HE LATER TRAVELS TO STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN) INVITED BY KRISTNA PREDMRORESER, WITH THE OBJECT OF ATTENDING A SEMINAR. UPON HIS RETURN, HE WOULD HAVE VISITED THE UNITED STATES, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. AT PRESENT, HE IS PROBABLY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A MEETING WITH PAPAL NUNCIO PIO LAGHI AND POPE JOHN PAUL II.

8B. ~~(C/NF)~~ ORIG CMTS: THE DOCUMENT WAS APPARENTLY CIRCULATED TO OTHER ATTACHES (AT LEAST TO UK AND FRG ATTACHES). IT IS AN INDICATOR OF THE ALMOST PARANOI[G]A APPROACH THAT ARGENTINE MILITARY TAKE TO HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS LEANINGS.

EMBASSY CMT: DESPITE WHAT APPEARS TO BE A VERY INTENSIVE EFFORT TO FOLLOW AND SCRUTINIZE PERES ESQUIVEL'S ACTIVITIES OVER SEVERAL YEARS, THE MILITARY APPARENTLY FOUND NOTHING THAT WOULD BY ANY RATIONAL STANDARD JUSTIFY CLASSIFYING HIM AS A SUBVERSIVE. A WELL-INFORMED SOURCE IN PRESIDENT VIDELA'S OFFICE TOLD US THAT PUBLICATION OF "SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL" WHICH LED TO HIS ARREST IN 1978 CONSISTED OF INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO GO ABOUT FILLING HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS IN BEHALF

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OF MISSING PERSONS. IN THE HIGHLY CHARGED ENVIRONMENT AT THE TIME, SUCH INSTRUCTIONS APPEARED TO SOME IN THE MILITARY TO GIVE AID AND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY. WHILE THIS RATIONALE MIGHT STILL CONVINCE SOME GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIZERS IN ARGENTINA, EVEN OTHER FRIENDS OF THE GOVERNMENT HERE WOULD FIND IT FLIMSY JUSTIFICATION, AT BEST. THIS SITUATION MAY EXPLAIN WHY THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT EVER GONE TO THE PUBLIC WITH ITS "CASE" AGAINST PEREZ ESQUIVEL.

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PEREZ ESQUIVEL ADOLFO MARIA: Argentino. Nacido el 26 Nov 1931, en San Telmo (BUENOS AIRES). CI Nro 3.350.880. MI Nro 4.813.587. Profesor de BELLAS ARTES (Escultura).

Año 1971

- Se integra a grupos Gandhianos (MAHATMA GANDHI) con los que lleva adelante un proyecto de comunidad urbana, que consistió en montar talleres artesanales de mimbre, carpintería, herrería, etc. El objetivo era lograr el autosustento mediante el trabajo artesanal (forma de vida de un SATYAGRAGHY, militante no violento). Paralelamente junto con el trabajo el grupo llevaba a cabo "preparación interior espiritual", basada en el Evangelio y los aportes de la no violencia del BAGHAVAGAD GITA, libro sagrado del hinduísmo.

  En el grupo gandhiano, junto con otros amigos realiza varias exposiciones sobre la no violencia en el mundo.

Año 1972

- Participa de un ayuno público en protesta por la violencia existente en ARGENTINA. En el mismo año convocó a vigilia en distintas oportunidades, por idéntico motivo.

Año 1973

- Funda el periódico "Paz y Justicia" y el Servicio para la Acción No Violenta Latinoamericana. Posteriormente dicho periódico es asumido oficialmente como órgano de prensa del Servicio Paz y Justicia (SPJ). Realizó campañas en ARGENTINA y otros países del mundo en contra del armamentismo y en pro del desarme nuclear.

- Es detenido el 03 Ago por infracción al edicto policial de "desórdenes", art Nro 1, Inc "B" por personal de la Cria 15a.

Año 1974

- Se realizó en la ciudad de MEDELLIN (COLOMBIA) la Conferencia sobre Estrategia No violenta para la Liberación Latinoamericana. Fue el 2do Encuentro de Organizaciones que actúan en la metodología no-violenta.

  El objetivo de la misma fue profundizar las experiencias concretas de los movimientos ya existentes, analizar su dinámica y clarificar el trabajo, que se estaba desarrollando, como así también su nivel. Esta reunión estuvo integrada por campesinos, obreros, intelectuales y religiosos de las más distintas creencias. En este evento ESQUIVEL fue nombrado Coordinador General para América Latina del Servicio de Paz y Justicia.

  La primer estapa consistió en establecer un contacto regular entre todos los grupos y movimientos, intercambio de información, ayuda mutua, etc.

- Realiza distintas campañas al frente del Servicio, con el apoyo de grupos de solidaridad de EUROPA y USA.

- Crea y desarrolla en ARGENTINA la Coordinadora de Entidades y Organizaciones Cristianas (CEOC) y presta su apoyo a la creación del Movimiento Ecuménico por los Derechos Humanos (MEDH) del cual llegará a ser uno de sus dirigentes.

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Año 1975

- Inicia una campaña de solidaridad con las comunidades cristianas del PARAGUAY y con sacerdotes expulsados de ese país.

- Viaja a BRASIL para preparar un encuentro latinoamericano de obispos sobre la no-violencia evangélica. Allí es detenido por el II Cuerpo de Ejército en SAN PABLO, siendo liberado por intervención personal del Cardenal PABLO EVARISTO ARNS, líder de la Comisión para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos en los países del Cono Sur.

- Miembro fundador de la Asamblea Permanente por los Derechos Humanos (APDH) y el MEDH.
  Asume y desarrolla una campaña por los derechos humanos en pro del cumplimiento estricto de la Declaración Universal de los Derechos del Hombre en la ONU.

Año 1976

- Arrestado por las autoridades ecuatorianas, junto con otros 17 obispos americanos y laicos, en circunstancias en que participaba de una reunión efectuada en la diócesis de RIO BAMBA a invitación de Monseñor LEONIDAS PROAÑO. Al ser expulsado del ECUADOR regresa a BUENOS AIRES para continuar con la campaña por los derechos humanos.

- Una extensa gira, lo lleva por países de AMERICA y EUROPA, realizando diversas gestiones y contactos.

- El 31 May registra su entrada al país procedente de EUROPA, siendo portador de dólares para subvencionar al SPJ.

- El 29 Jun es designado Coordinador General del SPJ para América Latina. Dicho cargo es considerado como primera autoridad en Sudamérica . La organización cuenta además con sedes en BELGICA, AUSTRIA, SUIZA, INGLATERRA, FRANCIA, EE UU, CANADA, BRASIL, COLOMBIA y ARGENTINA. Realiza cada año un seminario en un país de América Latina.

- Suscribe, entre otros, una declaración de la APDH, dirigida al Presidente de la República del PARAGUAY, Grl ALFREDO STROESSNER, donde solicitan la libertad de varios presos políticos.

- En el seminario de ITAICI-CAMPINHAS, estado de SAN PABLO - BRASIL, participó del encuentro de obispos y laicos progresistas de América Latina en el que se trató la no violencia evangélica - fuerza de liberación.

  El encuentro fue organizado principalmente por el "Servicio Para la Acción Libertadora en América Latina" - orientación no violenta (SALAL), cuyo representante es el causante. Este movimiento católico progresista, pretende luchar con la no violencia por la liberación de los pueblos latinoamercanos, basándose casi unicamente en los documentos de la II Conferencia Episcopal Latinoamericana de MEDELLIN (1968), los que interpreta equivocadamente fuera del contexto de toda la doctrina social de la Iglesia. De tal modo SALAL, es proclive a colaborar con todos los grupos cristianos de la izquierda y con todas las corrientes marxistas de la denominada Teología de la Liberación.

- A través del SPJ y del SALAL, lideró una campaña internacional por los derechos humanos (1976/1978), en coordinación con diversas organizaciones tales como Amnesty International (AI, Coordinadora Internacional del Movimiento de Ayuda a Detenidos (CIMAD), etc, campaña que recibió además el apoyo de la Central Latinoamericana de Trabajadores (CLAT).

  Asimismo, acudirían al mencionado SPJ, elementos subversivos de distintos pun-

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sos políticos.

Año 1977

- En el mes de Marzo, asiste como Presidente a la reunión efectuada por el SPJ en la Casa de Nazareth, sita en Carlos Calvo 3121 Capital Federal. El causante se refirió a los resultados de la gira que realizará entre los meses de Marzo y Agosto por América Latina, América del Norte y EUROPA.

  Dicha gira tiene como principal objetivo, motivar la campaña internacional por los Derechos Humanos, proponiendo la programación por parte de las Naciones Unidas de una Asamblea de los Pueblos por la vigencia de los derechos humanos.

- El 04 Abr fue arrestado cuando se presentaba a retirar su pasaporte, siendo remitido a la Superintendencia de Seguridad Federal y luego transferido a la UP Nro 9 LA PLATA, a disposición del PEN, mediante decreto Nro 929, por editar publicaciones subversivas.

- Es elegido - en ausencia - para integrar el Comité preparatorio del Congreso Mundial de Organizaciones no violentas, durante el Congreso de Alternativas No Violentas efectuado en IRLANDA DEL NORTE.

- Desde que fuera puesto a disposición del PEN, se desató una campaña internacional en pro de su liberación, la que estuvo principalmente impulsada desde FRANCIA y ampliamente difundida por los periódicos LE MONDE y LE CROIX.

  Instrumentada por la INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP RECONCILIATION (Organización internacional religiosa, que reúne en sus filas a distintas corrientes) la referida campaña contó, entre otros, con el apoyo de:

  . Amnesty International
  . APDH
  . Frente Internacional de Derechos Humanos (MEXICO)
  . Movimiento Internacional de Juristas Católicos (FRANCIA)
  . Comité Católico contra el Hambre y por el Desarrollo
  . Federación Protestante de FRANCIA
  . Acción de los Cristianos para la Abolición de la Tortura
  . Comité Internacional de Movimientos de Ayuda a los desplazados y evacuados.

  El plan utilizado por las mencionadas organizaciones, consistió primordialmente en la remisión de notas a personalidades políticas y de la Iglesia de nuestro país, especialmente al Presidente de la Nación y el Nuncio Apostólico PIO LAGHI, reclamando la liberación inmediata del "apóstol de la no violencia".

- El 06 Set inició trámite de opción para salir del país, conforme ley 21.449/76. En el mismo año figuraba como Vocal de la APDH.

Año 1978

- El 06 Ene se deniega su solicitud para salir del país.

- En el mes de abril figura en la nómina de candidatos al Premio Nobel de la Paz 1978.

  Fue propuesto oficialmente por BETTY WILLIAMS y MAIREAD CORRIGAN, de IRLANDA DEL NORTE el 11 Dic 1977, en momentos en que ellas mismas recibían dicho premio correspondiente al año 1976 en OSLO (NORUEGA). De este modo se cumplimentaba uno de los tres requisitos fundamentales para aspirar a dicho premio.

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- El 15 May se modificó la forma de detención del causante, disponiéndose que el mismo cumpliera arresto en la ciudad de BUENOS AIRES, CAPITAL FEDERAL y partidos de SAN ISIDRO y VICENTE LOPEZ (régimen de "libertad vigilada") pudiendo desplazarse entre esas jurisdicciones.

- El 27 May integró la Presidencia Honoraria de la Liga Argentina por los Derechos del Hombre (LADH), designado en el IX Congreso de la mencionada entidad.

- En Junio el causante se dirige al Secretario General de la ONU, Sr KURT WALDHEIM solicitándole- entre otras cosas - una convocatoria especial de la Asamblea General de esa organización,a realizarse en ese año, coincidiendo con los treinta años de la declaración universal de los derechos humanos.

- El 03 Ago, hace uso del derecho de opción a salir del país, que le otorga el art 23 de la Constitución Nacional, por decreto Nro 1680 de la fecha mencionada con destino a NORUEGA.

Año 1979

- Figura en nómina de vocales y miembros de la Mesa Ejecutiva de la APDH.

- En Agosto, envía a CECILIA MORETTI, en PANAMA, una circular del SPJ donde se solicita la renuncia del Grl ANASTACIO SOMOZA, el cese de la guerra y se repudian las amenazas de intromisión extranjera para elegir su forma de gobierno. Piden también para el pueblo de NICARAGUA, ayuda en efectivo, antibióticos y alimentos. los que serán enviados por la Iglesia y controlados por la CRUZ ROJA INTERNACIONAL (promotores del pedido de ayuda).

- El 09 Ago se dejó sin efecto su arresto a disposición del PEN, por decreto Nro 1917.

- En Setiembre, felicita a HECTOR HERRERA por la fundación de la APDH en PERU.

- En Diciembre realiza una publicación en el periódico BUENOS AIRES HERALD, titulada "Solidaridad", donde hace referencia a la partida del Director del mencionado periódico ROBERTO COX, por las amenazas recibidas en nuestro país por personas desconocidas.

- Organizó la visita de las Premios Nobel de la Paz 1976, a la ARGENTINA, MAIREAD CORRIGAN y BETTY WILLIAMS, quienes le expresaron su apoyo para la nominación de candidatos al Premio Nobel en ese año.

  La organización quáquera británica, "THE FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL", Premio Nobel de la Paz Año 1947, ha propuesto la nominación de PEREZ ESQUIVEL para el Premio Nobel de la Paz.

Año 1980

- En Enero figura como Coordinador General para el Cono Sur del SPJ en América Latina, se encuentra relacionado al Padre JORGE VERNAZZA, ex Secretario del Movimiento de Sacerdotes para el Tercer Mundo, corriente que se constituyó en su momento como una de las fuentes ideológicas que alimentó a la BDT montoneros.

- En Mayo, asiste a la Conferencia Anual de CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL, en ZURICH. Posteriormente viaja a ESTOCOLMO (SUECIA) invitado por KRISTINA FREDSBORG SER, a efectos de asistir a un seminario. A su regreso habría visitado DE CU, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS y NICARAGUA. Estaría gestionando en la actualidad una entrevista con el Nuncio PIO LAGHI y con el Papa JUAN PABLO II.